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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)  
**SINK FEET ATTACK ON VIOLENT LADY.**

A dozen Sinn Feiners attacked the vicarage in Dublin this morning. A Garda officer and one of the Sinn Feiners were killed. The officer and the Sinn Feiner were shot dead in a conflict between the officer with two soldiers and the Sinn Feiners. Four Sinn Feiners were arrested on suspicion when the Sinn Feiners were shot dead. The dead Sinn Feiner is named Carey. He was recently treated in hospital for injuries to the head. It appears that Lieutenant Carey with three soldiers met the Sinn Feiner with a handbag on the morning at Phoenix Park and challenged him. He continued to advance, caught by the throat, and shot him through the heart. The Sinn Feiner was shot dead.

### BOLSHEVIST VICTORIES.

LONDON, December 29.  
That latest Bolshevik communiques report that Denikin has lost the railway junction of Fasiloff, the keypoint of the Ukraine. They have captured also the large town of Kremenchug, also Slaviansk and Lugansk. The capture of the last-named town seems to indicate that Denikin no longer completely possesses the Donetz coalfield, the chief source of coal in Russia; the occupation of which will be very valuable to the Bolsheviks who were short of fuel.

### ADVANTAGE NEWS.

LONDON, December 29.  
The Times says a Cairo telegram from Damascus reports a severe encounter between Arab and volunteer French troops at Halebek. There were heavy casualties on both sides.  
The Daily Mail correspondent at Cairo interviewed General Allenby, who said the conditions in Egypt were now generally improving. He hoped that Lord Milner's commission would indicate a solution of the problems ensuring maximum benefit to the Egyptians. He declared that the commission was prepared to hear every view most fully, and said the unrest in Egypt was a symptom of restiveness under authority which was manifest in many parts of the world as a result of the war. Many responsible Egyptians were ready to work alongside the British for the development of the country.

### BELGIUM AND AFRICA.

BRUSSELS, December 28.  
L'Independence Belge states that the Belgian colonial minister is at present in London in order to arrange the transference to Britain of the Bukoba and Ujiji provinces of German East Africa, which are to be administered by Britain on behalf of the League of Nations. The Minister is also negotiating with a view to securing for Belgian subjects equally favourable rates on the railways from German East Africa as those enjoyed by British subjects.

### THE INDIAN FRONTIER.

LONDON, December 28.  
Telegrams from the Indian frontier covering events to December 25 show that enemy attacks were unsuccessful. Fifty tribesmen fired at a British picket on the night of December 23 between Khirgi and Jandola but were driven off. An attack by thirty of the enemy near Derajat column camp on the evening of December 24 was repulsed, and the movements of the Derajat column continued unopposed. On December 25 a considerable body of the enemy was seen on the hills to the westward. They were dispersed by British fire. British aircraft bombed Kopka, which was recently the centre of a hostile concentration.

### SHIP LOSES PROPELLER.

The Jiji says that when the "Adzumayama Maru," of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, was steaming off Saigon on her way to Europe on November 23, she was caught in a typhoon, and lost her propeller. This we have already reported. A telegram received by the Nanyo (South Sea) Steamship Company, of Kobe, on the night of November 26, from their steamer the "Ryojun Maru," says that her work of rescuing the sufferers on board the "Adzumayama Maru" was considerably handicapped by the bad weather. A later despatch received by the same company says that the "Adzumayama Maru" was towed to Cape St. James. Although full details of the incident are not available, it is believed that there was no loss of life. The steamer has a crew of 44, her commander being Capt. Yoshida.

### CHEER UP AGAIN.

We say the prices now are high, so high we're often stricken dumb; we shudder when we go to buy; cheer up the worst is yet to come! The shoe men say there are no hides, and so the price of footwear slides 10 parasangs up in air. The clothiers say there is no wool, the sheep are dead and on the ice; it takes some influence and pull to get a suit at any price. The bakers say there is no flour, and so the children have no bread, and we are weeping every hour because our hopes are lying dead. The barbers say there are no barbs, and we must let our whiskers grow until they spread like noxious herbs, and wave and wiggle to and fro. The grocer says he cannot procure for less than 95 per cent; he sees the sheriff drawing close when profits sink, is his lament. And so things go, from day to day; the whole-blamed world is out of plumb; but let us all be blithe and gay; cheer up, the worst is yet to come. The worst will come, and then the slump, the big reaction will appear; and we will carry to the dump the pirate and the profiteer.  
WALT MASON.

### CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(By Arrangement with the Wai Tsai Po.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 29.  
It was decided at a meeting of the Cabinet that Bolshevism be strictly suppressed in China. Instructions have been issued ordering the frontier authorities to keep a watch on the Bolshevistic movement.

It is reported that the Bolsheviks are spreading all over the North of Manchuria.  
Luk Wing Ting telegraphed Kan Wan Pang that the disbandment of soldiers be simultaneously carried out by the North and South.

The Cabinet proposes to recognize the Peking Government.  
The Peking Government is informed that the Bolsheviks are planning a revolution in China.  
Shum Chuen Hsun telegraphed Kan Wan Pang enquiring his attitude towards peace.

Leung Shi Yi was granted an audience by the President on the 27th. Leung suggests that arbitration would be the best way to settle the dispute between the North and South.

General Chan Kwing Ming telegraphed the Peking Salt Commission to be instructed to release the salt at present detained by the Commission so that his soldiers may have some.

The Cabinet telegraphed all Ministers abroad instructing them to enquire the attitude of the Powers in respect to China making a big loan.

The French Minister at Peking protests over the tobacco and wine monopoly loan on the ground that China pledged to France the monopoly on the North of the Yellow River four years ago. He states that France should have the first claim over the monopoly.

The Peking Government wants before the New Year a loan of \$5,000,000 of which one-fifth is to go to the south-west.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Router's Service to the China Mail.)

### DISTURBED EGYPT.

LONDON, December 29th.  
The Times correspondent at Cairo states that, in view of the restlessness displayed by various tribes in the Sudan, which had attacked British posts near Tomba, killing twelve, Major White, commanding an equatorial battalion, re-connoitred from Tomba.

He was attacked on December 15th by a large force of the Alah tribe who were repelled after severe hand to hand fighting and heavy enemy losses. Our losses were 7 killed and 9 wounded.

Major White was joined by Major Stigand, Governor of Mongalla Province, with half a company, and he proceeded to clear up the country.

The details are unknown but a mutilated telegram dated December 13th has been received, reporting that 1,000 of the enemy, on December 8th, attacked the advanced guard of the column. Fierce hand to hand fighting ensued.

Major White and Major Stigand, 23 rankers and four carriers, were killed. The enemy was driven off.

The column returned to Tomba with the wounded and the baggage.

### INDIAN FRONTIER FIGHTING.

LONDON, December 29th.  
It is now confirmed that the enemy losses on December 21st were over 200 Mahauds and 30 Waziris killed.

Some sections of the Tchi Waziris have failed to comply with the terms imposed by the date fixed.

According to unconfirmed reports, the Waziris are returning home owing to shortage of rations.

Gangs of Kharadis, 300 strong, looted Brabant on December 21st. Some of the raiders were killed.

### PROFITEERING IN FRANCE.

PARIS, December 29th.  
The Food Controller issues a warning that the temporary reduction of the sugar ration will be necessary at an early date in order to defeat what appears to be concerted action on the part of producers to take advantage of the ration by raising the prices for early deliveries no less than six or seven times the pre-war level.

### FLOODS IN ALSACE.

PARIS, December 29th.  
The floods in Alsace are assuming alarming dimensions. The low-lying country near Strasbourg is nothing but an enormous lake. Extensive damage is reported. Many villages are completely inundated. Strong bridges have been swept away. Railway traffic is interrupted in almost the whole of the Vosges Valley. Several people have been drowned.

### BIG FIRE AT MARSEILLES.

MARSEILLES, December 29th.  
The railway station has been destroyed by a fire. The damage is estimated at several million francs.

### DUTCH BORNEO.

THE HAGUE, December 29th.  
It is semi-officially stated that the report that Holland is about to cede Dutch Borneo to Great Britain is entirely without foundation.

### AVIATION.

LONDON, December 29th.  
The body of the airman, Captain Howell, was recovered and buried at Corfu. The mechanic's body has not yet been found.

SYDNEY, December 29th.  
Captain Rose Smith abandoned the Trans-Australian flight at Charleville, Queensland, owing to a crank-arm breaking.

### DRY AMERICA.

NEW YORK, December 29th.  
The latest figures show that at least 137 have died and 149 are blind and in danger of dying as a result of drinking too much alcohol since the introduction of Prohibition.

### ENFORCING THE TREATY.

PARIS, December 29th.  
Conferences between the Allied and German delegates with a view to the adoption of preparatory administrative measures for enforcing the Treaty of Versailles will commence at the beginning of next week.

General Lerond presides over the Allied delegation and Herr Simon over the German delegation.

The British and Italian delegates are expected in Paris on Monday.

The Allies have replied to the German Note, insisting upon the signature of the protocol in its present form and re-affirming Allied readiness to reduce the amount of floating material to form the Scapa Flow indemnity if it is shown that the vital economic interests justify such a reduction.

Nevertheless, the reply points out that the Allies have learned that floating docks, cranes and tugs have been recently sold, and gives notice, in view of the economic position of Germany as stated by the German delegates, that the Allies will not recognize such sales.

The Note rejects the German proposal to substitute for the five small cruisers mentioned in the protocol five others under construction.

### EARLY GREY.

LONDON, December 29th.  
Earl Grey sails from New York on January 3rd.

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### INTIMATIONS.

#### BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd January, 1921.  
Hongkong, December 29, 1919.

#### NOTICE.

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FROM and after January 1, 1920, the Office of the above Company, will be located at

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F. M. WELLER, Manager.  
Hongkong, December 29, 1919.

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Special Tables d'Hôte Menu will be provided in the GRILL ROOM at \$3.50 per head, and in the MAIN DINING ROOM at \$2.50 per head.

Patrons are advised to book early as accommodation is limited. All tables previously engaged and not cancelled by mid-day on the day to which such reservation applies will be charged for, whether occupied or not.

Bookings may be made at the HOTEL MAIN OFFICE.

J. H. TAGGART, Manager.

#### REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

A BALL will be held on the Evening of the 1st of January, 1920, commencing at 9.15 p.m.

Tickets including buffet supper can be obtained at the Hongkong Hotel Main Office at \$5.—per head.

Dinners will not be served at the Repulse Bay Hotel on the opening

J. H. TAGGART, Manager.

Hongkong, December 23, 1919.

#### NOTICE.

#### REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

In order to enable the Contractors to complete the work in connection with the above Hotel at the earliest possible date without interruption, and in order to avoid all possibility of damage to the Flooring, Tiles, Paint Work, etc. The public are requested to kindly abstain from visiting the Hotel as on and from this date until its completion and formal opening on which due Notice will be given by advertisement in the local newspapers.

The Management of the Hotel feel sure that they may rely upon the ready co-operation of the public in the foregoing regard.

Dated this Sixth day of November, 1919.

For the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.

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o'clock a.m. for the purpose of

receiving the Report of the Directors

together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the

Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Company, Limited.

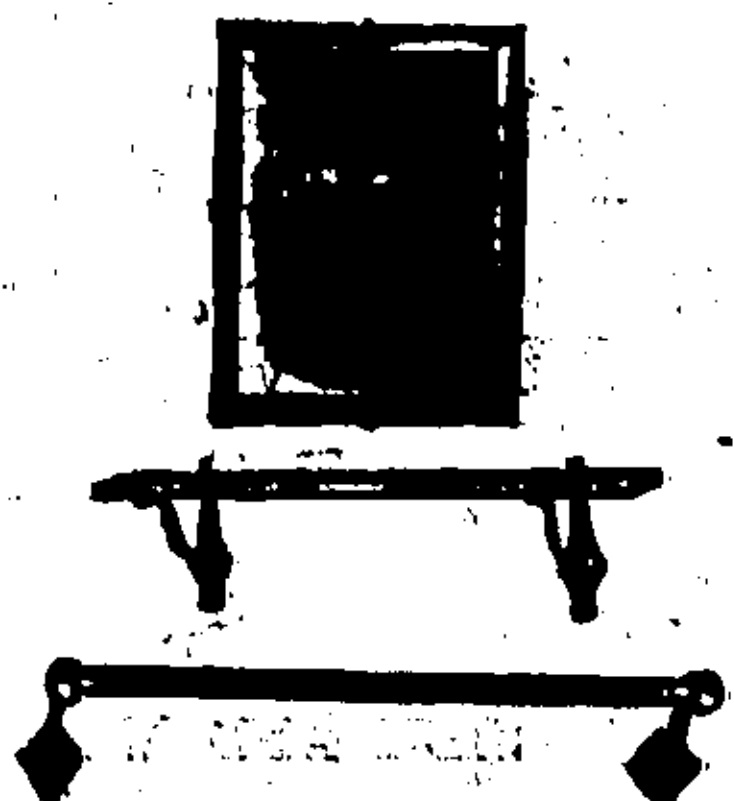
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The aeroplanes, which have been selected for the new services in China, are of a similar type to the machine which won the £10,000 prize for the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic. The dimensions are as follows: Overall length, 42 ft. 8 in.; overall height, 15 ft. 3 in.; span, 67 ft. 10 in.; chord, 10 ft. 6 in. Two Rolls-Royce "Eagle" Mark VIII engines are fitted, developing a total of 150 h.p. The maximum speed is 105 miles per hour, the cruising speed 90 miles per hour, and the landing speed 45 miles per hour. In the event of one engine failing, the machine can fly on the other engine at a speed of 70 miles per hour.

One of the many noticeable features is the great depth of the fuselage, which it will be seen, is of elliptical section and of excellent stream line form. The fuselage is divided into three distinct sections, of which the central is utilised for the passenger cabin, providing accommodation for 10 persons in separate armchairs. Cupboards are built at the end of the cabin to accommodate light luggage, and telephonic communication is installed between the passengers and the pilots. Two of the latter are carried side by side, well forward, high up in the nose of the machine, thus giving a very wide range of vision.

The passenger cabin is of a special form of "monocoque" construction, as is the nose portion in front of the cabin. The cabin is built up of elliptical rings of box section, composed of ash flanges steamed to correct shape with webs of spruce glued and screwed to the flanges. The outer cover of the cabin is composed of "Consuta" patent ply-wood, a material stronger than the ordinary plywood. Ash stiffeners are placed at intervals between the main flanges to give additional support to the outer casing. The cabin is attached to the upper main plane by two pairs of raking struts, whilst to secure the lower main plane to the cabin two ash members run transversely under the floor in line with the wing spars, and to the end of these members steel fittings are attached by means of through bolts. To these fittings corresponding fittings on the spars are bolted. The inside dimensions of the cabin are 8 ft. 2 in. high, 16 ft. long, and 4 ft. 2 in. wide. Circular windows are fitted

#### KUNG YIK DIVIDEND.

At a meeting of the Consulting Committee of the Kung Yik Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., held on Dec. 23, it was decided that the shareholders should be recommended to apportion the balance at credit of Profit and Loss account on November 30, 1919, of Tls. 706,463.63, as follows:—  
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To place to Equalization of Dividend Fund ..... 140,000.00  
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#### A STEAMER MISSING.

The Singapore steamer "Castor," a vessel of about 1,500 tons, belonging to the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd., is reported missing. She left Singapore on November 16 with a cargo of Haiphong, so is long overdue. No news of any kind has been received, but wreckage has been reported, and it is feared that the vessel was lost in the typhoon.

near each seat. There are two doors, which are watertight when closed, so that the machine will float if forced to descend into the sea. To provide for this emergency a trap door has been fitted on the top of the cabin to enable passengers to leave in this way if necessary. Ventilation and heating can be regulated to suit any atmospheric conditions. For freight and mail carrying the seats in the car can be removed in a few minutes. The maximum weight which can be carried in this way is 12 tons. The total weight of the machine loaded with oil and petrol and with water in radiators and in reserve amounts to 11,312 lbs., or just over 5 tons. In no part of the structure has strength been sacrificed for lightness, the designed factor of safety being 3 throughout. A height of 6,000 feet is reached in 17 minutes, whilst a climb to 10,000 feet takes 45 minutes.—*Eastern Engineering.*

#### TRIUMPHS OF BRITISH SHIPBUILDING.

It is known to everybody that the construction of new British naval vessels was carried through with feverish haste during the war, but the world is only now becoming acquainted with the remarkable results which were achieved in spite of the stress of war conditions. In peace time it is the custom of the British Admiralty not to accept vessels except after exhaustive preliminary trials. Naturally, also, it is customary for the shipbuilders to take minute care of every detail of the engine and other equipment. War production, however, reached so high a stage of efficiency that the Admiralty was able to dispense with these trials. High-powered vessels went to sea after a basin trial and steamed at full speed in a very short time. HMS. "Resolution," for example, steamed straight out into the North Sea before daylight, reached her full power within one hour, and ran without a hitch to her station in the Firth of Forth. Many battleships and cruisers went to sea fully commissioned, and ran the necessary trials on their way to the appointed naval base. One particular destroyer raised her full power within seven minutes of leaving the pier on her first voyage.—*Journal of Commerce.*

#### BOOTS AT A PENNY A PAIR.

Over half a million pairs of discarded Army boots were offered for sale by the Disposal Board at the White City recently. The boots included Army boots of every stage of wear. Canadian, Australian, German, and Russian boots, thigh boots, and gun boots. Some small lots of men's, women's and children's boots were offered for sale on behalf of the Belgian Relief Committee. Army gymnasium shoes and hospital slippers and leggings were also included. The prices obtained were generally low. Five shillings a pair was quite a high price, and was given for a pair of Colonial boots. Grade 5 boots—the lowest grade—were sold in lots of 100 at 1d. per pair while grade 4 boots fetched 4d. per pair for a lot of 20,000. German boots fetched 6d. for grade 4 and 2d. for grade 5. A shilling was given for three pairs of German half-wellington boots with wooden soles. There were some interesting specimens prepared to show what could be done with old boots. "If you take a pair of even grade 4 boots, apparently not worth kicking," said an experienced bootmaker, "and wash them in warm water, then oil them, and last them, repair them, and last them again, you will be surprised to find what a strong pair of boots you can make."

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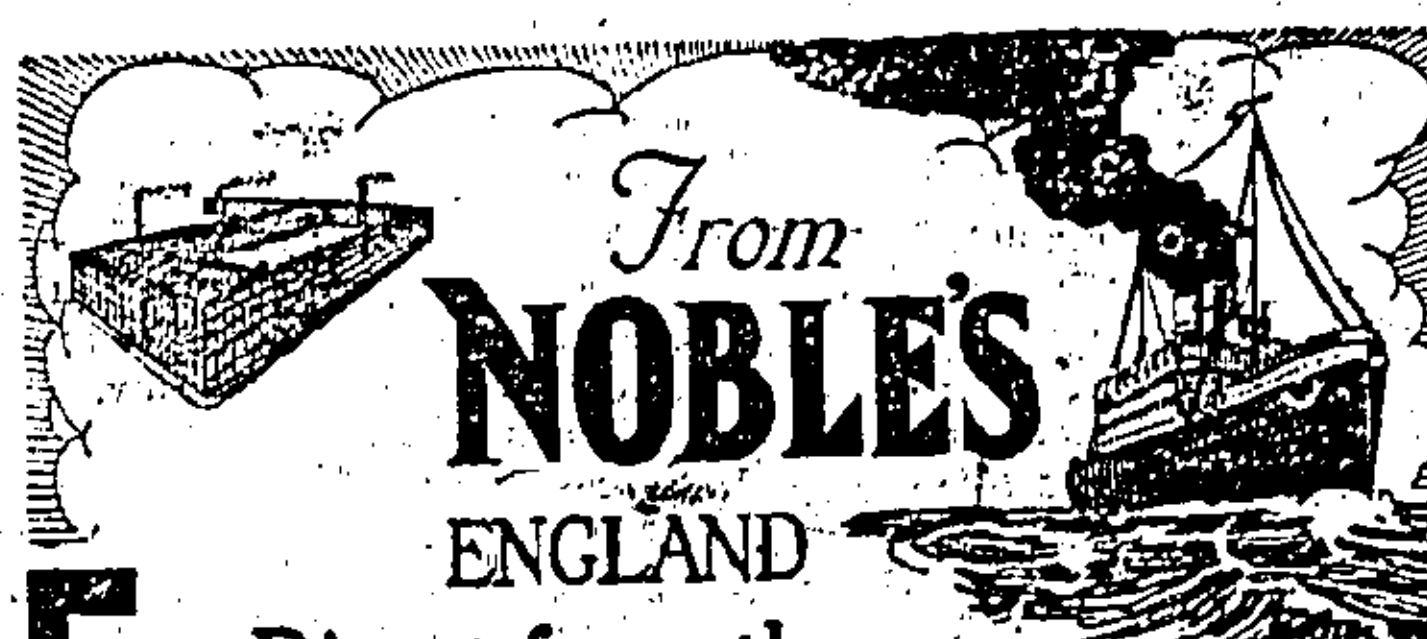
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## SHANGHAI SHIPPING CASE.

At H.M. Supreme Court, Shang-  
hai, on Dec. 16, before his Honor  
Judge Sir Harland de Saumarez,  
was heard the case of Li Sociés  
Maritime Francaise v. The Shanghai  
Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.

In this case the plaintiffs claimed  
damages for the loss of the motorship  
"Stasia" in consequence of a fire  
which it was alleged was due to the  
negligence of the defendants' ser-  
vants.

Mr. E. L. Harrop, with whom was  
M. du Pac de Marsoules, appeared  
for the plaintiffs and Mr. F. Lipson  
Ward for the defendants.

Mr. Harrop informed the Court  
that he had been told by Mr. Ward  
that the No. 12 fliter had disappeared,  
and it was, therefore, not possible  
for him to be called.

Capt. Svenson, master of the  
"Stasia," recalled, said in consultation  
with Mr. Gray and Mr. Buschweiler,  
it was suggested that it would be a  
good idea to employ watchmen for  
the engine room, and upon witness  
agreeing that the same would be  
necessary, Mr. Gray called the No. 1  
watchman of the Dock and gave him  
instructions to engage two watchmen.

Witness understood that the men were  
supplied by the Dock and paid by  
them. He would not have thought  
of dismissing them without first con-  
sulting the defendants, to whom he  
would have referred any complaint he  
had had to make.

When the "Stasia" was taken out  
of the dry dock the work remaining to  
be done consisted of a number of  
small items in addition to an auxiliary  
motor which had to be put in. Wit-  
ness considered that all the workmen  
employed on the ship were employed  
by the defendants and he gave no  
authority to the chief engineer to make  
any arrangements for hiring work-  
men.

Mr. I. A. Donnelly, of Messrs.  
MacKenzie & Co., Ltd., agents for  
the owners of the vessel, said he  
knew nothing about the employment  
of the engine room watchmen, and as  
far as he could remember no bill was  
ever presented to him for payment for  
their services.

Mr. J. Gray, in charge of the In-  
ternational Dock, for the defendants  
said he had given evidence in connec-  
tion with the fire before the French  
Naval Court of Inquiry. No Novem-  
ber 14, the day of the fire, there were  
no more repairs to be done to the  
vessel, to his knowledge. Witness  
detailed the work that had been done  
and stated that the dynamo which had  
been in repair had been in position  
two days before, but he did not know  
whether the electrical installation was  
in full working order on Novem-  
ber 14. The verbal agreement in con-  
nection with the men who assisted the  
chief engineer of the "Stasia" (since  
dead) to overhaul the engines was  
made two or three days after the ves-  
sel went into dock. The chief engi-  
neer remarked that the engines wanted  
overhauling, and witness recalled  
that his men had no experience in that  
sort of work on motor engines, but  
the chief engineer said that if he  
could have the men he would super-  
vise the work. Witness did not post  
watchmen in the engine room and did  
not know if any watchmen were so  
posted. There was, however, an ar-  
rangement with Capt. Svenson that  
witness should get the No. 1 watch-  
man to obtain two watchmen for the  
work. The defendants supplied their  
servants with candles when required  
and would supply their workmen with  
candles for a ship like the "Stasia" for  
use in the engine-room if the chief  
engineer required it. The chief engi-  
neer in this case did require it, and  
when witness asked for electric hand  
torches the chief engineer laughed and  
told him to use candles.

Cross-examined by Mr. Ward:—  
The vessel was a twin screw schooner,  
fitted with Bollinder oil engines,  
each with two cylinders, burning  
heavy fuel oil. They were known as  
"Hot top" engines, because there  
were bulbs on top of the cylinders  
which brought about ignition through  
their being heated by means of kero-  
sene blow lamps, which were started  
with spirit. The flame would be a  
naked flame.

Describing the engine room of the  
"Stasia" as he first saw it, the wit-  
ness said it was very dark and im-  
possible to work in without using  
artificial light. When he first saw it,  
it was the filthiest engine room he  
had ever seen in his life. He never  
had any instructions to clean it up  
and it remained in the same condi-  
tion during the whole time. The filth  
consisted of oil droppings from the  
working of the engines, oily waste,  
soot, etc., all of which was inflam-  
mable. The first time he saw the  
chief engineer he was in the engine  
room carrying a candle. Witness was  
introduced to him and he said "My

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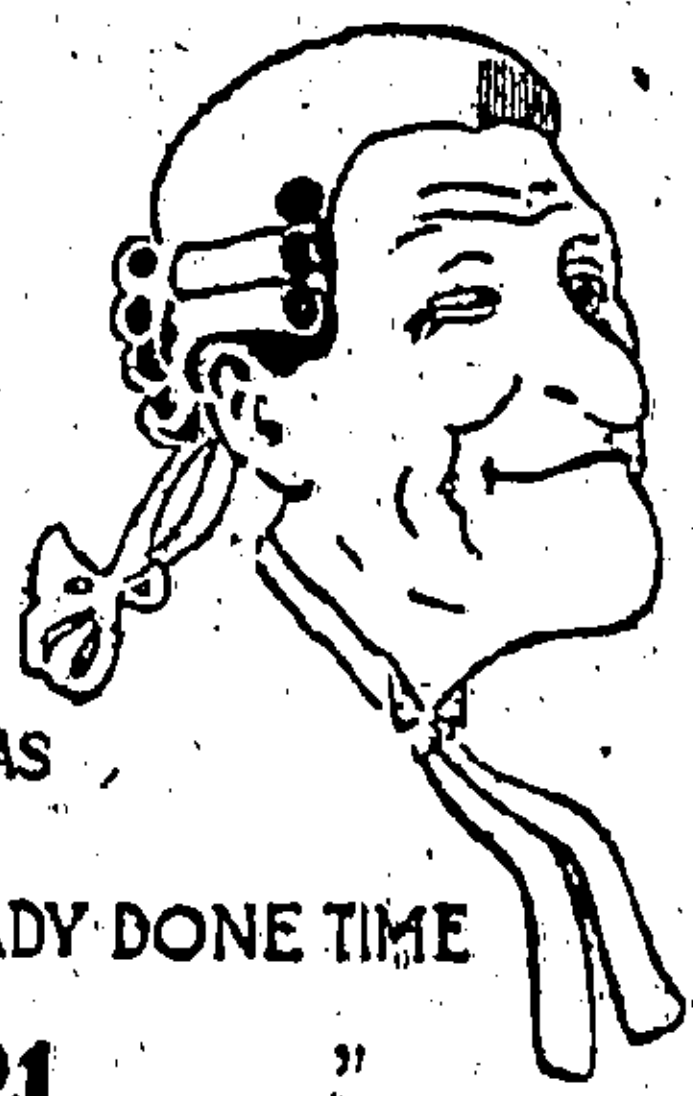
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**FITZSIMMONS.**—On December 20, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Fitzsimmons, a son.

### DEATHS.

**LEEDS.**—On December 11, at Newchwang, Edward Segar Leeds, aged 39.

**BEGLEY.**—On December 20, at Hongkong, Margaret (Dolly), wife of Alfred Begley, Chief Engineer, Indo-China S.N. Co. Ltd.

**WOO.**—On December 18, at Shanghai, Rev. H. N. Woo, of the American Church Mission, aged 86 years.

**MACGREGOR.**—On December 19, at Hongkong, MacGregor of the Chinese Maritime Customs and Cotton Testing House.

### The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, Dec. 30, 1919.

### ADVERSARIA.

We give up. Henceforth we know nothing. Nobody knows anything. Nobody can know anything. Two and two do not make four, and things that are equal to the same thing are not equal to each other. Circles are rectangular, and squares elliptical. We have just read in the London Times (regarding the alleged verification of Professor Einstein's forecast that solar rays would be found to suffer a deflection to twice the extent that Newton calculated), that enough has been done to overthrow the certainty of ages and to require a new philosophy of the universe, a philosophy that will sweep away early all that has hitherto been accepted as the axiomatic basis of physical thought. Now we know better. Reuter got his telegram the time. We are all living in a bigged-up sort of universe, where nothing is what it seems to be, and where things seen are not what they are. This accounts for a deal that has been puzzling us

**JOSEPH CONRAD.** Joseph Conrad denies the gossip story that he ever hesitated as to which language, English or French, he should adopt as his literary medium. He says: "It was I who was adopted by the genius of the language, which directly I came out of the stammering stage made me its own so completely that its very idioms, I truly believe, had a direct action on my temperament and fastened my still how much idiomatic English this Polish genius has acquired, for it is not discoverable in his work. The merit of his English, for his admirers, is its classic austerity. With more idiom he could have got greater compression, at the expense of his unique style. *Le style, c'est l'homme*." Bufon's much quoted phrase might have been made for the author of "The Typhoon."

**IS LORD FISHER MAD?** The London Times quotes an expert authority on naval questions as gravely considering that question, and we can understand that a naval expert would be reluctant to adopt Admiral Fisher's views, for that would mean his occupation gone, and his expert reputation gone, and the old man's ideas seem sane enough to us. With aviation developing as it is, islands are no longer insulated, and seas and seacraft cease to be barriers. If war is to go on, it is no good wasting money on obsolete war material. The "big navy" people must adopt a new slogan, and cry for England to be turned into a hornet's nest. At the first foreign provocation, our hornets should take to the air, and use their stings. Lord Fisher's madness looks very like commonsense, and the expert's sanity very like pigheaded prejudice.

Those people who have been favouring Premium Bonds at Home as a good way of raising money for the State are opposed by persons like the Rev. F. B. Meyer. We don't say Mr. Meyer's opposition is wrong. He is entitled to oppose if he feels that way. We would, however, like him to be less reckless in his arguments. He says that French lotteries have had a demoralizing effect on French society. They haven't. It is not even true to say that French society has been demoralized at all, by anything.

Even for an impatient RAGGING, interloper like "Pussy-foot" Johnson of the U.S.A., who wants liquor prohibition in England, we must put in a plea for a fairer treatment. Violence, ragging, and other unfair

answers to unpopular arguments are un-English and wrong. Medical students in London during November raided a hall in which he was to speak, captured him, "baptized" him with beer, and carried him in procession through the streets until the police rescued him. That sort of thing is deplorable. We can see the humour of it, as well as those who snigger at it, but we can also see the tragic intolerance behind it, which they overlook. Until our people learn to answer argument with argument, and with nothing else, it will be they who are demoralized.

**"DISCIPLINE"** views of army discipline (once cited as indicating dislike of soldiers) are coming into vogue at last. "Solon," an army officer, contributes a short article to-day. We note also these words in a recent Times editorial:—"The old discipline, with its reliability and steadiness, must in future be leavened with the spirit of mutual service which faced death so cheerfully in many a trench. And the heaven must be education. We must have better educated officers, N.C.O.'s, and men. A bully must be an offender not only against King's Regulations, but also against the soul of a battalion. The Army learned during the war that only with such a spirit will men face certain death. Leaders must be loved as well as feared. The new discipline will not in the least diminish the smartness of Guardsmen—it will help it by making it a sensible thing. Old-fashioned officers (and young pigs sometimes) have wrong-headed notions of discipline. It may be good to make men good soldiers; but it is bad in making a soldier to unmake the man."

Instead of apologising for his own grammatical error, which misled a police witness, a Shanghai magistrate said: "Don't be silly. The man had just spoken of his own illness—neurasthenia and heat apoplexy. The magistrate asked: 'When did you hear of this?' 'This' quite naturally seemed to refer to the subject last mentioned, as it is intended to do. The policeman therefore answered: 'What the heat apoplexy?' 'Don't be silly,' said the quite unreasonable magistrate. 'How did you come to know of this work in Shanghai?' Witness then gave the right answer. Who was the silly one?

**INSOLENCE.** In the same case spoke of the seriousness of "insolence" to a superior, insolence, is always serious and always incurable, whether it goes up or comes down. "Don't be silly" is an insolent observation to address to any adult, and if the silliness happened to be in the question rather than in the answer, as it was here, the insolence is aggravated. To make such a remark as we are now making, there and then, would have exposed the writer to severe punishment. Does this not show that magistrates and judges have a duty specially incumbent upon them to guard their tongues, since they may provoke, but must not be provoked? They are in the position of the big bully and the defenceless victim. They, too, are human, and have no right whatever to insult the majesty of the law by verbal liberties that others are not permitted to resent.

**RETENTION OF MILITARY TITLES.** Shanghai is busy discussing the ethics and even the law of retaining military titles in civil life. Many lieutenants and captains apparently exist who dislike the idea of becoming mere Masters again, though they are cheerful enough about the work and the wage of masters. The question is at least one quarter is whether they are soldiers or civilians. The true inwardness of the discussion can be arrived at (and we make no extra charge for this assisting the disputants to clearheadedness) by asking two simple questions: (a) So far as honour and glory are concerned, is there any difference in the claim of officer and private? (b) Are the private clamouring to be addressed in civil life as Private So-and-so? This seems to settle the motive. The title of both to honour for taking part in the war is admitted. But if "private" is not an honourable title, "captain" is not.

**Singapore—A Crown Colony RENTS.** Like Hongkong—can exercise rent control. So can the Government of India. Why should the Hongkong Government remain indifferent to the man-eating sharks who own house property here? Is there any good reason why it should not put the screw on our Scrooges, and forthwith inaugurate a scheme of rent control? A heart-breaking instance has just been brought to us. It affects about fifty families in one block of twelve in Des Voeux Road, small shopkeepers and flat dwellers. On Boxing Day (of all days!) they got notice that as from Jan. 1 their rents would be much higher. Apart from the legal point that they are all entitled to longer notice, the increases appear to us unconscionable. Top floor rooms are raised from \$45 to \$85 a month. Shop rents jump from \$75 to \$130. In this case the suggestion is that the owner has leased the property to one of the tenants, who is "farming" it on this system of "intensive culture." We have advised the tenants to petition

the Government, and we advise the Government to do its utmost to do them justice. Such intolerable procedure would be tolerated in no other part of the Empire.

**THE MALTA TROUBLES.** The Malta review of the Commission on the Malta troubles, and says it shows the government was inept, singularly feeble, and with "utter lack of judgment." Our London contemporary concludes: "At the bottom of it all is the impossibility of keeping a European community in these days under a quasi-military bureaucracy, compounded of the Secretary of State for the Colonies and a local Commander-in-Chief. The revelations of this Commission should remind our Parliament and people that while we are conferring self-determination, and such-like privileges on the subjects of foreign States we cannot refuse it to those who ask for it within the British Empire."

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.** Which Mr. Amsten the truth? In August there was a Mr. Chamberlain who said in Parliament that bankruptcy loomed ahead of us. On Oct. 27 there was a Mr. Chamberlain who said our financial position was worse by hundreds of millions sterling than the August estimates showed. On Oct. 30 there was a Mr. Chamberlain who told the House and the country that there was no cause for alarm, and perhaps none for new taxation. This would be too much even for Alice in Wonderland to understand.

**To-day's dollar is worth 4s 10d.**

Mails from the Straits are due to-day by the steamers "Dunera" and "Sangala."

There will be a St. George's Ball "practice dance" at the City Hall, this evening, at 5.

As a sovereign is worth only 16 in Japan, the British Government is sending £10,000,000 in gold to Japan to redress exchange.

Last week's communicable disease was one case of smallpox, and one of diphtheria. In the subsequent 48 hours we had one case of cerebro-spinal fever.

The Hongkong Tramway Company's traffic receipts for the week were \$13,789, or \$250 less than last year. The Aggregate Receipts for 52 weeks were \$751,319, or \$33,659 more than in 1918.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared this morning before Mr. N. L. Smith to defend a Chinese charged with being in unlawful possession of eight cylinders of acetylene and 10 cylinders of oxygen. The case was remanded.

The Admiralty Transport "Dongola" returned to Hongkong this morning, after having landed Chinese coolies from France at Tsingtau. The vessel will now be fitted out for taking Home the naval and military draft and will be ready in about a week.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy this morning the escaped prisoner who has been recaptured, was formally charged with the murder of Wardens Speed and Harman Singh, within the walls of Victoria Jail, in the early hours of the morning of the 15th inst. No evidence was taken, and the hearing of the case was fixed for Monday afternoon (Jan. 5) at 2.15.

Mr. Leo Longinotto, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning and made an application for the extradition of three Chinese who are wanted by the Chinese authorities for murder and kidnapping. Mr. J. R. Gardiner appeared for the fugitives. His Worship informed Mr. Gardiner that he understood that the Crown had no evidence to produce in support of the charge of murder, but evidence of the kidnapping of a woman would be given. After further discussion, in which Mr. Gardiner said he would like the case heard as soon as possible, as it is an old case and his clients had been in custody since June this year, his Worship fixed the case for the afternoon of Jan. 12.

**ARMED ROBBERY AT STANLEY.**

Chan Fook, a fishmonger of Stanley reports that at 2.40 a.m. yesterday, while he and his son were in a matched, four men entered armed with knives and daggers. They were threatened with death, and were ordered not to move. The robbers ransacked the matched and stole \$19.50 and clothing to the total value of \$25.60. No arrests have been made.

### SPECIAL CABLE.

ROUGH WEATHER AT WUSUNG.

STEAMERS DELAYED.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 30. The "Empress of Russia," bound for America, was held up for two days owing to a rough sea. Passengers who proceeded aboard by tender on Sunday morning were obliged to return to Shanghai. A hawser snapped and it was quite impossible to reach the liner, whose deck was lashed by big waves. The "Nile" also was delayed. The "Empress" is leaving on Tuesday.

**"THE PROFITEERS" AT THE VICTORIA.**

A POWERFUL PLAY.

"The Profiteers," described as "an after-the-war picture," will be shown at the Victoria Theatre on New Year's night, with the ever-youthful Fannie Ward as the star. As the title suggests the picture is a two-sided wallop at the class of individuals who are striving to make two dollars grow where only one grew before—and at the expense of the public. In it the offenders do not stop with mere greed but resort to blackmail and force to accomplish their end. In consequence the story has a wallop that would be hardly suggested by its title.

In the cast supporting Miss Ward are such able artists as John Milner and Edwin Stevens. Mr. Stevens has a role which offers him opportunities of which he does not fail to take advantage. He makes a sinister, remorseless and most unamiable villain of the chief profiteer. We know now why foodstuffs etc. have gone so high and what we would be glad to do to the responsible individuals. Mr. Milner who plays the public spirited citizen who seeks to curb the activities of the profiteers, and as such is husband also of Miss Ward, has a much more sympathetic part, and gives a finished performance. And Miss Ward! Surely Ponce de Leon would have found a good youth in her! And by means is her sole charm in her beauty. She is a most capable emotional actress, and in trying scenes where she is driven desperate by the blackmailing profiteers who seek to make her the innocent agent of her husband's political destruction, she is most effective.

"The Profiteers" is a strong play, one well worth seeing. It may be a worthy successor to "The Cry of the Weak," Miss Ward's earlier play which has earned golden opinions.

### HONGKONG TENNIS LEAGUE.

Mr. F. Lindsay Woods, the Hon. Treasurer is presenting the following report:

On behalf of the Committee I have much pleasure in presenting the Eleventh Annual Report of the Tennis League.

There was only one Division of the League, the following clubs entering: Royal Engineers, Queen's College, Kowloon Bowling Green, Craig-gower, United Service Recreation Club (A) & (B), Kowloon Cricket Club (A) & (B), Wigwam, Chinese Recreation Club (A) & (B).

The Tennis again maintained its high standard of excellence. The Chinese Recreation Club (A) are to be congratulated on winning the shield, going through the season unbeaten.

The shield was presented to the winners by Mrs. Tape on the occasion of the 7th Annual "At Home" of the Chinese Recreation Club, and the thanks of the League are tendered to them for their hospitality.

A match was played between the Chinese Recreation Club (A) and a team selected from the Rest of the League Clubs, and won by the former by 51 games to 42.

The accounts show a balance in hand of \$50.53.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion on Thursday, January 15, 1920, at 5 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.**

**RECEIPTS.**  
By Balance 1918.....\$39.13  
By Entrance Fees.....55.00  
Total.....\$94.13

**EXPENDITURE.**  
Advertising.....\$27.85  
Printing.....14.70  
Falconer.....1.00  
Balance.....50.53  
Total.....\$94.13

Mr. F. Maitland audited the accounts.

**THE BEST COUGH MEDICINE.**

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy is the best cough medicine in the world today because it does exactly what a cough medicine is supposed to do. It stops coughs and cures colds and influenza. For sale by all Chemists and Dispensaries.

### SPORTS.

FOOTBALL.

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

The United Services Football League met, at the R. G. A. headquarters last evening. Master Gunner May presiding over an attendance of representatives of the military teams entering the League.

On a letter from the Hongkong Football Club applying for admission, it was decided that only service teams be admitted this season.

It was further decided that the season commence on January 14, two matches being played every Wednesday and Saturday.

On January 14 the Wiltshire Regiment will meet R. G. A. on the Military ground and the "A" and "B" teams of the Ambrose will play on the Naval ground.

On January 17 the "Alacrity" meets the "Tamer" on the Naval ground and the "Carlisle" plays R. G. A. on the Military ground. The matches will commence at 4 p.m.

CRICKET.

GARRISON v. NAVY.

Teams representing the Garrison and the Navy met on the Hongkong C. C. ground commenced that match yesterday, the day's play completing the first innings with the Navy 53 runs ahead.

The details follow:—

GARRISON.

1st Innings.

Lieut.-Col. Coles, b Kennett.....	5
C.O.M.S. Talfourd, c Lambert, b Kennett.....	6
Capt. Oliver, b Hastings.....	18
Major Edwards, l.b.w., b Hastings.....	15
Capt. Davies, b Kennett.....	63
Lieut. Sutherland, b Franks, b Kennett.....	23
Lieut.-Col. Wyndham, b Hastings.....	0
Col. Humphry, l.b.w., b Hastings.....	10
Lieut. Bryson, b Hastings.....	5
Lieut. Beavan, c and b Kennett.....	1
Lieut. Claxton, not out.....	1
Extras.....	5
Total.....	157

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hastings.....	21	7	73	5
Kennett.....	15.3	2	63	5
Lambert.....	5	0	21	0

ROYAL NAVY.

1st Innings.

Lieut.-Comdr. Greig, b Davies.....	2
Lieut. Franks, b Davies.....	16
Lieut. Jones, b Bryson.....	7
Pay-Lt. Commander. Holborn, b Davies.....	29
Pay-Lt. Robinson, c Bryson, b Edwards.....	53
Rev. F. G. B. Hastings, c and b Edwards.....	26
E. G. Kennett, b Edwards.....	5
Lieut. Dolphin, run out.....	21
Lieut. Caswell, c Beavan, b Edwards.....	17
Lieut. Lambert, c and b Davies.....	15
Lieut. McNair, not out.....	0
Extras.....	18
Total.....	210

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Davies.....	21.4	2	75	4
Bryson.....	9	1	43	1
Oliver.....	4	0	36	0
Edwards.....	12	0	56	4

HK.C.C. v. NAVY.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club v. Navy on the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd January, play to commence at 10 a.m. each day. R. Hancock (Capt.), T. E. Pearce, A. A. Claxton, A. E. Wood, E. W. Day, E. J. R. Mitchell, R. A. Brand, E. G. Lammert, C. Blaker, D. E. Donnelly and F. Sutton.

HK.C.C. 2nd XI v. UNIVERSITY.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club 2nd XI v. University on the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground on Saturday 3rd January, play to commence at 10 a.m. sharp. R. J. Thurstfield (Capt.), R. A. Green, T. J. Fenwick, L. M. Whyte, L. D. McNeill, A. Burnie, P. G. de Fursvalch, P. Jacks, A. K. Mackenzie, J. W. R. McPhail and C. Brown.

Following will represent the College in their League match against the H.K. Club on Friday 2nd of January at 4 p.m. sharp on the Club ground. U. Omar, F. Dixon and P. Xavier, S. Sepher, W. Ogley and D. Urquhart, A. Rahmin, J. Silva, E. Hyndman (Capt.) R. Omar and A. Urquhart.

**A GERM DESTROYER.**

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### TRIAD SOCIETY.

NINE CONVICTIONS.

Nine men were before Mr. N. L. Smith this morning charged with being members of a triad society at No 3 Po Tak Street in the first floor.

A Chinese detective deposed that on the 27th inst., in the afternoon he went with Inspector Watt and other detectives to the house at Salingpung, West Point. He went in to the front cubicle where a woman was. He told her that he was coming to search the house. The woman opened a book-case in which witness found a pile of the society's books and chop. A bag also containing books was discovered underneath a bed. The defendants were all in the sitting room. Signboards bearing the name of the society were found.

His Worship:—How was the room furnished?

Witness:—There was a table in the centre with a game of "sparrows," and a bed with opium smoking utensils.

His Worship:—What about the woman?

Witness:—She, together with a child, were also brought to No. 7 Station, where she pointed out the first defendant as her husband.

His Worship:—What did first defendant say?

Witness:—He said she was his wife and he claimed the books as his.

The first defendant said that there was actually a society at No. 20 Belcher's Street three months ago, but it was no longer in existence. Other defendants said they visited the house for a game of "sparrows." They did not know what a triad society was.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed on each.

### HONGKONG FUND FOR WAR DEVASTATED VILLAGES IN FRANCE.

FANSTY DAY FUND.

The following Donations are gratefully acknowledged:—

Proprietor of the Tai Ping Theatre (per the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak).....\$750.00

Messrs. Kelly & Walsh.....100.00

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Further Subscriptions are invited and may be sent to the Hon. Treasurer.

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**CARPENTIER'S WAGER.**

A Lyons wireless message to Shanghai, dated November 23, says: Carpentier will have one powerful ally fighting for him when he faces Joe Beckett at Holborn Stadium on December 4, namely, the rate of exchange. Carpentier is to receive \$25,000 win, lose or draw, according to unofficial reports, for no official figures are published. At the normal rate of exchange this would mean that the French champion would receive 125,000 francs, but with the British pound sterling flying to nearly 40 francs Carpentier's receipts will be nearly 200,000 francs. Carpentier simply squared the difference on his chances, against the Englishman. Deschamps, his manager placing money at odds against his man £2,000 represents the amount. Carpentier thinks of his chances. "I am betting on velvet, just plain velvet," said the French champion who fights with his head as well as with his hands.

**CHAUFFEUR CHARGED.**

A Chinese, the driver of motor car No. 102 was before Mr. N. L. Smith charged with recklessly driving that car in Shanghai Street on the 23rd inst. causing injury to a passer-by and with damaging a ricksha to the extent of \$80.

Mr. J. M. Hall of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist defending, asked for a remand, which was granted.

**ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

K. M. W.—The Editor regrets that he must adjudge your letter expressing dissatisfaction with the verdict in the Chuen Wan inquest inadmissible.

**ROBBED NEAR HOME.**

A Chinese whilst returning to his house at 11 p.m. last evening, and passing through a dark passage, was seized by five or six men, who robbed him of \$75 in notes.

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## NOTES FROM SEATTLE.

That the transcontinental railroads of the United States will make vigorous efforts to develop commerce between America and the Orient, as soon as the railroads are returned to private ownership, is the declaration of R. M. Calkins, vice-president of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad who spent several days in Seattle recently.

Mr. Calkins believes the way will be cleared for co-operation between railroads and the steamship companies operating on the Pacific.

"Development of the Oriental trade is what Seattle wants and what we are vitally interested in," said Mr. Calkins. "We are going after that business hard and we are going to get it if there is any means of doing so. I have no doubt the Federal government is as anxious as the railroads to develop this foreign trade. I believe it would be of material benefit if the government would permit the railroads to take over the steamships offered for sale by the United States Shipping Board. Direct steamship connections with foreign ports is essential to the railroads and they could operate vessels in connection with rail lines much more advantageously than could independent companies."

"It is hard to foretell now just what changes will be made in passenger train operation. When the railroads were taken over by the government the Milwaukee line lost 2,000,000 passengers a year by the reduction in service. Whether or not we will be able to reduce the running time between Chicago and Seattle is an open question that we have not discussed."

"The railroads expect to be allowed to increase freight rates so that higher costs of operation can be met."

"For the most part the Cummins railroad bill recently vetoed by President Wilson seemed to be the most constructive legislation offered for the regulation of railroads. The railroads must be allowed to raise money at once for long-delayed improvements."

Our Seattle correspondent adds: Seattle's port facilities are among the largest and finest in the world according to G. Otten, manager of the China-Java Pacific line and the Java Pacific line with headquarters in Hongkong, China. Mr. Otten, together with J. A. Doyer, United States representative of the company and D. E. Van Walree, an official of the Netherlands Trading Society of Amsterdam, visited Seattle with the object of studying facilities of the port for direct communication with the Dutch East Indies.

Seattle's Smith Cove pier, the largest in the world, is fitted with the most modern cargo handling machinery obtainable, and surpasses anything on the Pacific coast. Mr. Otten said: "Trade by direct route, between Seattle and the Dutch East Indies is promising for the future. Mr. Otten said: His company contemplates placing a steamer on the route."

Mr. Van Walree, a prominent banker, said the future of trade between Dutch East Indies, particularly Java, and Seattle is very bright. Canned milk and prepared food stuffs, machinery, automobiles, kerosene and steel are needed in Java. Java has copra, sugar, coffee, tea, peanuts and peanut oil, sisal fibre, tin and vegetable oils for export to Seattle.

Mr. Otten will leave shortly for China and Mr. Van Walree will return to his home in Amsterdam after an extended stay in the Orient.

## PUZZLE OF A MUZZLE.

Must a veterinary surgeon take out a licence for a dog which is placed under his care by the owner?

This novel point arose because an animal belonging to the Marchioness of Townshend had been sent for treatment to Mr. J. Print, a Clapham veterinary surgeon, and escaped from his custody without its muzzle.

As a result, Mr. Print was summoned at the South Western Police Court reports the *Daily Chronicle* for keeping it without a licence, and for allowing it to be at large unmuzzled.

Mr. Banks, K.C., the magistrate, said it was a new proceeding to summon a veterinary surgeon for not taking a licence for a dog he was called to attend.

## TIME KEEPING ANIMALS.

The punctilious time-keeping of those Sumatra monkeys already heard of recalls the horse in that amusing anecdote which enlivens the history of the House of Harpers. Before steam printing was introduced the Harpers' presses were driven by a horse, who trotted patiently round a mill course. In process of time the faithful beast was superannuated and turned out to grass near the works. He was expected to enjoy a leisurely old age, but habit proved too strong. When the morning whistle blew he began to trot round a tree, and continued until dinner time. With the afternoon whistle he began again, and did not stop until evening time. In the evening, this human holiday was enjoyed until his death.

## CHINESE DIVORCE.

## ENGLISH WIFE WHO HAD A LIKING FOR ORIENTALS.

Chang Ping, a Chinese cook and butler, has been granted a divorce by Mr. Justice Horridge on account of his English wife's misconduct with Yip Soy, another Chinaman. His Lordship remarked that the woman seemed to have had a fancy for Chinamen.

What is Yip Soy? asked counsel of Chang Ping in the witness-box. Twiddling his fingers, Chang Ping replied: "He gambles!"

His Lordship: Does he play Fan Tan?—He gambles—gambles—anything.

Counsel: He means he gambles with anything. I am instructed that he runs a saloon.

Mr. Justice Horridge, after further evidence, asked counsel: Do you ask for costs against Yip Soy?

Counsel: Yes. I think he is a fairly wealthy man.

His Lordship: Very well—decree nisi with costs.

## THE ARMY METHOD.

"Solon" writes: I propose to show in what follows the tendencies exhibited by the behaviour of those in authority in the Army—that is to say in the majority of instances, of the old coterie whose power is now challenged by the introduction of newer blood, and (I believe) better blood from the mass of the Nation. To this endeavour I am urged by the hope that it may have some effect, however small, in counteracting the influences which before long will have submerged me with the rest in the mire of officialdom and routine.

When first an officer of the newer school enters an Army Office, he is probably more or less human, has certain social ideals—perhaps misguided, but certainly ideals, and though somewhat oppressed by the atmosphere, feels quite confident that he, at any rate, will not become an automaton. By the end of a few weeks he will have experienced several contests between his ideals and the necessity of obedience to the orders of his next superior, in which his ideals, though they may not have suffered in intensity, have nevertheless failed to break away from the Army tradition. This is obviously the only possible result—obedience, unquestioning, unthinking obedience to the word of command, is an essential part of the training of man and officers alike. What conscience this officer may have (though he would tell you the Army had already crushed it) speedily vanishes in the unequal contest, or is thickly plastered over with the few platitudes about "discipline." Then begins the revolt. He sees at last, through some particularly flagrant case, what is the meaning of it all.

An Army Office depends for its routine on Army Council instructions and similar enactments. These are invariably couched in ambiguous language, and their interpretation rests, in the main, with the commanding officer—usually one of "The Old Army." He is a martinet—a "strict disciplinarian"—and his outlook is very nearly that of the French "aristocrat" prior to the Revolution. This means that where a decision or interpretation is made it is engendered in that womb of snobbery, nurtured in the atmosphere of "shoot 'em down Sir," and brought to its full completion in the smoke room of a Service Club. What hope is there of charity in such environment? Is a man likely to get a chance of justice or advice as to the method of attaining his ends? There is a widespread dissatisfaction with the War Office on account of its "soullessness." Is this to be wondered at? So far as my experience leads me I can summarise the uppermost thoughts of these links between the men and their rights in two phrases—dislike of all avoidable trouble to themselves, and the withholding from the men of all the benefits which they cannot demand by stating their authority. The men never have access to these innumerable sources of information, and, therefore, do not know to what they are entitled.

Discipline is an essential part of an Army, but it has shown neither adaptability to the dictates of common sense, nor the elasticity necessary in an Army which is practically identical with the nation itself. Can it be a defensible position to forbid an officer to be seen in public with a private who happens to be his brother? Is it justifiable to debar a man from intercourse with his cousin because the latter happens to hold a commission? Are the methods of Prussia to be enforced in a country supposedly free? Yet this is the case, that Officers are court-martialed for intimacy with rankers, that they are punished for preferring friendship to the fetishes of the War Office, and that there is a definite fixed intention to retain and widen the gulf fixed between officers and men. This is due to intolerance, and to the belief that the power to think is confined exclusively to the higher commissioned ranks. Its attitude is summarised in the maxim that may often be heard from the lips of soldiers—"We don't think; we are paid not to!"

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## INSIDE INFORMATION.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail,"]

Sir,—As "Gossip" has seen fit to boost the "Comrades of the Great War," may I say that this club is engineered by the politicians to canalise the energies of the ex-soldier into less dangerous channels to those politicians than the real soldiers' association, the Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Soldiers and Sailors. This latter organisation, by its unflinching opposition to the attempts made in England to exploit the soldier, has earned the fear and hatred of the bureaucrats. The "Comrades," started and run by permanent officers of high rank, is never more than a tame affair, like the Association of Civil Servants lately formed here, which had to ask permission from the Governor to meet!

The F.D.D.S.S. is a force for the fighters which has given anxious moments to the bureaucrats because it is directed, democratically, by the men themselves.

Join the F.D.D.S.S. and not the Comrades.

If any one doubts my knowledge of the facts, I am quite prepared to prove to the Editor that I hold a commission in the British Army.—Yours faithfully,

SOLON.

## RETURN OF "ESANIP"

## POEM "TO RIZAL"

How silent is the night!  
We yearn that none will disturb you  
From your sweet slumber in your grave.  
Rest, oh soul of the Philippines,  
Rest in the stillness of the night,  
And repose your martyred soul in the arms  
Of your beloved Fatherland, to whom  
You gave  
Your life and all, whom you saved  
From the hands of the tyrants!  
Though the tears of your oppressed  
Fatherland  
Constantly water the flowers that grow  
On your resting place, but still we  
Implore  
That you will not be disturbed from  
your deep  
And silent rest; that you will rejoice,  
though  
You are in your grave, and that your  
ashes  
That carpet our soil will always preserve  
The flower that we watered with our  
blood!  
Yea, the day draws nigh when we  
will be worthy of  
Your sacrifice! We will soon reap  
the fruits  
Of the seed you have sown.  
Rest, as the stars serenely beam over  
your grave,  
And the dawn of our liberty sheds its  
radiant flashes  
Over your soul, Oh martyr of  
DEMOCRACY,  
Rest thou in peace!

ESANIP.

Hongkong, Dec. 30, 1919.

## A HUNAN TRAGEDY.

## DEMENTED SOLDIER WOUNDS GENERAL AND KILLS MISSIONARY.

Telegraphic reports received in Shanghai describe a painful tragedy which has claimed one foreign missionary victim, in the person of Dr. O. T. Logan. In addition, General Feng Yu-shan, the Christian military leader of Hunan, was shot through the shoulder by a demented Chinese soldier at Chang-teh, Hunan, recently.

The facts of the tragedy are understood to be as follows:—Dr. Logan, who was head of the Presbyterian Hospital at Chang-teh, had gone with General Feng to visit sick Chinese. Without warning, the crazed soldier raised his rifle and fired at the General, shooting him through the shoulder, though not seriously. The same bullet struck Dr. Logan in the neck and face, causing death within an hour.

General Feng has won unique distinction all over China as one of the two Northern generals in Hunan who refused to carry on more fighting against the South. Recently he sent for Christian leaders and more than 1,000 of his soldiers were baptised. He does not permit gambling or even cigarette smoking in his army and has been regarded by the missionary leaders, at least, as a possible saviour of China in the present difficulties.

Dr. Logan was about 50 years of age and one of the best known missionary physicians in China. He came to this country with his wife in 1897. A year ago he served with the American Red Cross in Siberia and from there returned to his home in Newnan, Ga., last summer for a short visit. He returned to China in September.

Two of the doctor's sons attending college in America have been notified. There is a third and younger son in the American school at Kuling. —Shanghai Times.

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## TOO HUNGRY TO LEARN.

For a considerable time great distress has prevailed throughout the Republic of Czechoslovakia, where 7,000,000 people are suffering from malnutrition. In Moravia and Bohemia relief has been administered by the Czech society of the Red Heart. But, under the old regime, this association was refused official recognition and was not allowed to open branches in Slovakia. The deplorable distress existing in the latter part of the country has been alleviated to some extent by Lady Muriel Paget's Relief Mission.

When the workers arrived they found that half a million people were suffering from semi-starvation. Men and women were emaciated and children undersized, while the babies which were not still-born were consumptive at birth, owing to the undernourishment of their mothers, and developed into rickety, anaemic, and tuberculous little children. There was a serious shortage of medical and chemical necessities, milk, and clothing. Many of the peasants possessed only one garment, and children could not attend school for want of clothing or were too hungry to learn. Housing conditions and sanitation were primitive in the extreme, with the result that in many districts infectious diseases were prevalent. Added to these difficulties there was a shortage of doctors and nurses, because the Czech Government had not been able to replace the trained Hungarian personnel.

For some months the Relief Mission has been carrying out general inspection, disinfection, and vaccination. It has also helped to equip hospitals, and has opened kitchens, canteens, and clothing centres. Excellent results have been obtained in the necessitous districts, and if funds are forthcoming, the Mission hopes to continue the work which has been begun, and to add to its activities by equipping a tuberculosis hospital for children and establishing a training centre for nurses.

## PENANG HARBOUR BOARD.

The Report of the Penang Harbour Board for the half-year ending June 30, 1919, to be submitted for the information of His Excellency the Governor, states that the Board are pleased to record that the working of the undertaking for the last half-year has resulted in a surplus of income over expenditure after the payment of Interest and Sinking Fund Contribution.

The credit balance of Income and Expenditure Account for the half-year under review is \$83,448.17. After deduction of \$59,960.43 being interest paid or due to Government and Sinking Fund Contribution, there is a balance of \$23,487.69 out of which \$4,209.42 has been appropriated for Staff Provident Fund Reserve, \$4,782.38 for a Com-

passionate Allowance for the widow of W. Kelson, Acting Manager Prye River Dock, \$5,080.78 for the Staff Bonus for 1918, \$5,539.58 for Staff Superannuation Fund and \$3,855.53 credited against the debit balance of \$72,766.02 brought forward from last account.

The tonnage handled during the period under review shows a decrease of 4,393 tons on the previous six months. The highest monthly total was 33,674 tons and the lowest total 16,734 tons, as compared with 29,227 tons and 25,910 tons, respectively for the corresponding period of 1918.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## WANTED.

WANTED.—At once CHINESE CLERK for leading Insurance Company. Must be able to read and write English and have good knowledge of typewriting. Apply Box No. 1172, 40 "China Mail."

## THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at the BELLENA MAY INSTITUTE on THURSDAY, the 8th January, 1920, at 11 A.M.

A. MITLAND, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 30, 1919.

## CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that a Second EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Company (notice of which was duly given on the 10th inst.) will be held at the offices of Messrs. Gibbs, Livingstone and Company, St. George's Buildings, Victoria, at 12 o'clock noon, on TUESDAY, the 13th day of January, 1920, for the purpose of confirming, if thought fit as a special Resolution, the following Resolution which was duly passed as an Extraordinary Resolution on the 29th inst., viz:—

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Ernest Alfred Monford Williams of the firm of Lowe, Bingham & Matthews of Chartered Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, Victoria aforesaid be appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up, at such remuneration as may be arranged between the said Harrison and Grosfield Limited and the Liquidator."

Dated this 29th day of December, 1919.

By Order of the Board,  
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Hongkong, December 30, 1919.

## TO-DAY at 5.15

## LAST MATINEE OF

## "THE FROZEN WARNING"

## TO-MORROW at 5.15

## LAST MATINEE OF

## "THAIS"

## THE CORONET

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Victoria B.C. & Seattle via S'hai, &c.	Katori Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 11st Jan., at 11 a.m.
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## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

H. M. H. NEMAZEE.

From BOMBAY &amp; SINGAPORE.

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having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected in any case whatever.

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Agents.

Hongkong, December 20, 1919.

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Goods not cleared by the 30th inst. will be subject to rent.

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Hongkong, December 23, 1919.

## STRUTHERS AND DIXON, INC.

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From SEATTLE.

THE Steamer  
"BRAVECOUER,"  
having arrived from Seattle via ports, on December 23, 1919, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon and stored at Consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on December 30, 1919, by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after December 30, 1919, will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

STRUTHERS &amp; DIXON, INC.

Agents.

1st floor, Powell's Building,

12, Des Voeux Road, Central.

Hongkong, December 23, 1919.

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

### "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

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From ANTWERP MIDDLESBRO,

LONDON &amp; STRAITS.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining and delivered after the 3rd Jan., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 10th Jan., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd Jan., at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; CO.,

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Hongkong, December 27, 1919.

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## NECESSITY FOR LEGAL ADVICE.

A strong warning was given on Dec. 18 in the Shanghai Supreme Court, by his Honour, Judge Sir Haviland de Saumarez, and the Crown Advocate, Mr. H. P. Wilkinson, to China Companies, drawing attention to the fact that a number of them have not yet complied with all the duties laid upon them by law. The matter was brought up in connection with a motion made by Mr. F. Lipson Ward on behalf of Nasserwan Bomanjee Karanjia and Arthur Vivian Hogg, directors of Hogg, Karanjia & Co., Ltd., for an order that they having failed through inadvertence to file with the Registrar of Companies at Shanghai any return of allotments of shares in compliance with the provisions of Section 90 (1) of the Companies' Ordinance, 1911, be at liberty within 21 days of the hearing hereof to file proper returns of such allotments with the said Registrar, and for an order that they and each of them may have relief from the penalties prescribed by sub-section 3 of the said section.

Mr. H. P. Wilkinson, Crown Advocate, appeared for the Registrar of Companies. Mr. Ward, in support of the motion, said that until a few moments previously, he was under the impression that this was the only "crime" which the company had committed, and he might say that his interest in the matter only commenced when he received instructions from Hongkong referring to that particular application. Neither he nor his firm had anything to do with the formation of the company and nothing to do with it except in reference to this motion.

Counsel then read an affidavit in support of the motion, made by Mr. Karanjia, which was to the following effect:—The company in question was a private and China company of which he and Mr. Hogg were the two sole directors. It was incorporated on May 14, 1917, on which day the company proceeded to allotment when 24 shares, each of \$1,000 were allotted. The allotment of these shares was never entered in the register of shareholders as very shortly afterwards an increase of capital and a change in the name of the company was contemplated, and this was subsequently effected. At the time when the new shares were allotted it was arranged between deponent and Mr. Hogg, they being the only shareholders, that the shares to be allotted should be partly in lieu of the 24 shares already allotted, and the name of the company having been changed he and Mr. Hogg considered, though they had since been advised that they were in error, that the scrip for the 24 original shares were worthless and by mutual consent they were destroyed.

On July 12, 1919, he was advised by the company and a return of this allotment also was not filed with the Registrar of Companies.

On June 21, 1919, he received notice from the Registrar that the return of allotments had not been filed, but previous to the receipt of that notice he and Mr. Hogg, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, were completely ignorant of the provisions of Section 90 (1) of the Companies' Ordinance, Hongkong, 1911, and were not aware that it was necessary to file a return of allotments with the Registrar.

On receipt of the notice instructions were given to Messrs. Johnson, Stokes, and Master, solicitors of Hongkong, to take the necessary steps to make application to that Court for relief.

The only shareholders in the company were himself and Mr. Hogg and to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, no one had been prejudiced by failure to file such returns.

Counsel said that these two gentlemen decided to form a private China Company in which they were the only shareholders and directors, but they did not take the prudent step of going to people who knew what was necessary to be done in order properly to form the company, and, he thought, it would be an excellent direction for the Court to give to the world at large and one to which the legal profession would certainly raise no objection, that these people when they decided to form companies in China should go to people who know about these things and could direct them.

His Lordship: If people choose to go on, supported by their own ignorance, they must submit to the consequences.

Mr. Ward: Well, the companies' legislation is of a fairly recent date in China.

His Lordship: Eight years. Mr. Ward: Yes, eight years. These gentlemen live on Shameen. His Lordship: But I don't think that was the beginning of it by a very long way.

Mr. Ward: I only know what I have been told.

His Lordship: There have been companies registered in Hongkong for a very long time. Perhaps the learned Crown Advocate can tell us how long.

Mr. Wilkinson: Since '67, my Lord.

Mr. Ward went on to say that the Court had power to grant relief where an omission was caused through inadvertence and both the Courts at home and here had held that inadvertence might be ignorance of the law.

His Lordship: If these people do not cure their ignorance by taking advice from people who ought to know, you cannot say it is inadvertence.

Mr. Ward said he could not say whether his clients went to anybody for advice, but having regard to the fact that the prospectus had been filed and the preliminary steps laid down by the Companies' Ordinance had been complied with, he thought it likely that they did go to a legal practitioner. He did not wish to say anything about the legal practitioners in Hongkong; he did not think he ought to, but with regard to the later stages, either his clients did not go to a legal adviser, or their legal adviser did not take the necessary steps. It was a two-man company. In fact no one had been prejudiced at all by the omission. He agreed there had been a breach of the provisions of the Companies' Ordinance, but one which had been the result of ignorance on the part of those two gentlemen. Possibly that was the only reason why they were lax in putting the matter fully in the hands of their legal advisers and letting them do it. Certainly the case was not so bad as that of the Han-kow Press Packing Co. In that case a number of gentlemen concerned in it were in Shanghai, which he might almost say bristled with lawyers. They committed a very very serious breach of the Companies' Ordinance and got relief.

Mr. Wilkinson said he sympathized very much with what Mr. Ward had said, but from the file, a précis of which he would hand in—a document prepared by Mr. Major with great care and diligence and for which he deserved great credit—all the items marked with a red cross showed documents which had not been sent in. One very serious omission was the annual list of members and the summary for 1917, 1918 and 1919, and the return of further allotments.

His Lordship: One of the worst omissions is the list of directors, because the right to be treated as a China Company at all depends upon the nationality of the directors.

Mr. Wilkinson said that a great deal to be said with regard to inadvertence, it was the duty of the Registrar to instruct him to bring before the notice of the Court these other omissions, because this was not the only company against which a black list of this sort might be put. It was an unfortunate thing that these companies did not take the suggestions of the Registrar as to what might be done. It seemed to him that notices were sent to secretaries of companies which were never passed on to their legal advisers.

Counsel produced a letter from Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master which he said showed that as long ago as May of this year the Registrar had to write to ascertain from what place the company was controlled.

His Lordship read the letter and said it somewhat altered the state of affairs. The letter stated that the place from which the operations of the company were controlled was Hongkong and not Canton and, therefore, it ceased to be a China Company.

Mr. Wilkinson agreed and said that the Registrar took up the position that he could not send down to Hongkong the file of a company in so bad a state as was that of the applicants and this was an application to put that matter right.

His Lordship remarked that it seemed to him that the decision of the Registrar was right.

Mr. Wilkinson: This is merely one company, and a private company, but there are other companies, I am instructed to say, which are running the same risks. The Registrar would be loath to instruct me to ask for a large penalty—the penalties run to an enormous amount. These companies are not helping us. I am not

asking your Lordship to fine this company, but I do take this opportunity of bringing this to your Lordship's notice, and to ask you to warn companies. They can come to the Registrar, see their records and put these things right.

His Lordship, in giving judgment said: I am prepared to grant the company liberty to file the proper return of shareholders within 21 days of this date. That is the first part of the motion before me.

What has been said to me by counsel in this matter shows that there is certainly in this case, and from what the learned Crown Advocate on behalf of the Registrar of Companies has said, in other cases, a lamentable want of knowledge of the provisions of the Companies' Ordinance. Now, one does not expect ordinary business men to know the whole of the contents of a long ordinance such as this, but they have the remedy in their own hands. They can consult their legal advisers. If they choose to go on without taking legal advice, it seems to me that it must become more and more difficult for the Court to say that these things are done inadvertently. It is a serious matter to fail in your duty towards the Registrar of Companies and I can assure future applicants the Court is not going to treat the provisions of the Companies' Ordinance as though they were things of small matter.

In a country like China where our companies have to be submitted to very particular legislation such as is contained in the China Companies' Order in Council, it should be quite evident that an adherence to their duty is more necessary than it is in other places. It is necessary in order that the British authorities, the British Government, in so far as it is open to do so, should be in a position to protect trade, that these provisions are made, to ensure the bona fides of British companies carrying on business in China as China companies. I have said this because it seems to me that the public generally should be careful to fulfil their duties under the ordinance. Most of the business of the world—or a very large part of it—is carried on by limited companies, and that being so, if limited companies are to have the encouragement and support which their trade demands, they have duties to perform and they cannot eternally come to the Court and say they did not know the provisions of the law.

In this particular case there has been called to my notice certain other omissions and they are undoubtedly serious. They are supported at the present moment by the statement of the Crown Advocate. No proceedings are being taken on them and so that is quite sufficient for the present purpose. The proper way in which to deal with those provisions is, I think, to adjourn the second part of the summons, namely, the request that the two directors have relief from the

penalties prescribed by sub-section 3 of the said section, be adjourned. If I find that one month from hence, they have done all that is necessary to put themselves in order I shall be prepared to consider the rest of this motion.

His Lordship after some little discussion extended the time to six weeks in which the applicants could rectify matters.

## MANCHESTER WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., Manchester, report on Nov. 19: During the past week the strained money situation has obscured all other factors and a severe break has taken place in American Cotton prices. It would appear that speculative interests have been taking too great a part in the inflation of commodity prices and the deliberate action of American Bankers in suddenly curtailing loans, forced an immediate realisation of these speculative holdings. Liquidation of cotton was extremely heavy, and with an entire absence of buying New York prices fell 200 points on the 12th inst. That the fall was no greater was apparently owing to present trading regulations, limiting any variation in one day to this amount, for at the close of the day holders were still anxious to sell. The market has since been very unsettled—there was a slight recovery, but yesterday the unsettled financial outlook again caused selling, and a further heavy fall.

The slump has of course been reflected in Liverpool cotton rates, but the effect on yarn and cloth prices has been negligible. In some few cases only, buyers of yarn have been able to get some very slight reduction. This does not apply to the finer counts, however, where the scarcity of suitable cotton continues to make prices dearer. With the exception of these instances, yarn and cloth prices are unaffected, producers being in such a position that they absolutely rule the situation. The weight of their engagements is indeed remarkable and the unwillingness to engage in further transactions has been more emphasized. Enquiry continues to be brisk but is perhaps not on so heavy a scale as past recent weeks. At the same time a great deal of business has again been done, and this would have been even more extensive if delivery time were not so great a stumbling block. This is, however, proving the greater difficulty at present in arranging business, and the few makers who are able to deliver in February/March of next year command their own prices. Cabling delays are still a source of difficulty to Merchants and the cause of this has been the subject of a statement by the Postmaster-General who attributes it to the large increase of telegrams as compared with pre-war traffic.

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## WEATHER REPORT.

December 30th. 11A. 44m.—No. returns from Vladivostok, Japan or Khabarovsk. Pressure has increased slightly over N.E. China, S. China, and Formosa. It is nearly stationary elsewhere.

Strong monsoon will continue along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 9.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 74.14 inches, against an average of 52.10 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on December 31st.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock. N.E. trade, strong; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel. The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

## HONGKONG TIDES.

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## HONGKONG TIDES.

December 30th to January 6, 1920.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## THE SCAPA FLOW SINKINGS.

LONDON, December 29th. The National News states that it has been decided that the German warships scuttled in the Scapa Flow shall be blown up early next year in the presence of an Allied Naval Commission.

## PUNISHMENT OF WAR CRIMINALS.

AMSTERDAM, December 29th. The German steel magnate, Roehring, was court-martialed on a charge of destroying great ironworks in Eastern France, and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment and a fine of 240,000.

## REPARATION AND INDEMNITY.

NEW YORK, December 29th. The German Finance Minister, interviewed by an American journalist, declared that Germany can and will pay within a year twenty billion marks in reparation and indemnity.

## EX-GERMAN SHIPS RETURNED.

WASHINGTON, December 29th. By the direction of President Wilson, the seven ex-German ships loaned to the United States after the Armistice, namely, the *Graf Waldersee*, the *Zeppelin*, the *Pretoria*, the *Cape Finisterre*, the *Mobile*, the *Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm*, and the *Asteria Augustus Victoria*, have been returned to Britain.

## AMERICAN RAILWAYS.

WASHINGTON, December 29th. President Wilson has announced that the railroads will be returned to private ownership on March 1st.

## BOLSHEVISM.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 29th. Owing to the rapid advance of the Bolsheviki, the civilian population is beginning to evacuate Odessa.

## HAYAS REVIEW.

PARIS, December 29th. A Hayas message says: "A note issued in Paris says that various arrangements with a view to continuing Franco-British co-operation regarding petroleum were made by the French Liquid Fuel Controller, subject to ratification by the Premier of France and Great Britain."

M. Berthelot, Director of the French Foreign Office, has concluded his conversations on Turkey with the British Ministers, one of the main objects of his visit being to discuss the agreement between the respective Governments as to the disposal of the Mesopotamian oil wells.

The French Government would be glad to be given possession of part of the oil properties.

Paris circles hope that the United States' compromise, making the ratification of the Treaty of Versailles possible, is based on the programme of Reservations called the Lodge Programme which will be accepted by the Democrats.

Paris is revelling in the heart's content and prices are soaring very high without a check on the merry-makers all over France are getting married everywhere.

In pre-war times the marriage average at Lille was 2,200 annually; this year it has increased to 4,000.

## JOINT ACTION IN SIBERIA.

NEW YORK, December 29th. A telegram from Vladivostok, dated December 18th, says that the Japanese Official Publicity Bureau announces that the United States and Japan have reached common ground on which joint action in Siberia will be based.

## FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[BY COURTESY "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

AMERICAN PROTEST AGAINST VICKERS' CONTRACT.

Peking, December 29th. The American Legation has lodged a protest with the Foreign Office regarding the Vickers' aeroplane contract—a provision of which gives the company preference in such supplies for ten years as being contrary to the principle of "equal opportunity."

FRENCH PROTEST AGAINST AMERICAN LOAN.

Peking, December 29th. The French Legation has protested to the Foreign Office against the American Loan, which is secured on the surplus of the Wine and Tobacco revenue, as an infringement of the rights of the Banque Industrielle de Chine which were obtained during Yuan Shih-kai's presidency.

NEW CHINESE-ITALIAN BANK.

Peking, December 29th. A Sino-Italian Bank will be opened in Peking in the former German Hospital.

ANOTHER LOAN NEEDED BY CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

Peking, December 29th. A Presidential mandate promulgates the Budget for the eighth year of the Republic passed by Parliament, also a special Budget for the Railway, Telegraph, Postal and Navigation Departments for the eighth year.

The President states that, as the receipts are not sufficient to cover the expenditure, another Bill has been recently submitted to Parliament requesting that the Government be allowed to raise an additional loan of six million (dollars) in order to relieve the financial difficulty.

The mandate, concluding, urges the departmental chiefs to eliminate superfluous expenditure.

DEATH OF EX-PRESIDENT FENG.

The ex-President Feng Kuo-chang died yesterday.

## NOTICES.

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## A NEW VIEW OF SOVIET RULE.

WHEN THE BOLSHEVIKS CONTROLLED IRKUTSK.

The N.C. Daily News says of an article by its Harbin correspondent:

"The following article presents a startlingly different view of Bolsheviki rule from that generally held. The only parallel we can recall is the report of Mr. Bullitt which we reproduced in our Christmas supplement. If accurate—and our correspondent vouches for the independence of the witness from whom he received the information—it goes far to explain the success of the Red armies."

The article follows:—

It may be remembered that the Bolsheviki obtained the control of Irkutsk during the winter of 1917 for some months. According to a statement given to the writer by a foreigner who lived in Irkutsk during the whole of the occupation, the Commissaries preserved good order in the town, and no one was interfered with as long as he went about his business in a proper way and remained quiet and peaceful. Everybody was told he must work for his living. Those who replied they never had worked were sent under guard to work in the coal mines near Irkutsk, where during the old régime political and other convicts worked out their sentences of hard labour. Others who said what they had formerly worked at, were found suitable jobs by the Commissaries.

The many "unfortunate" women living in town were brought before the Work Commissary who told them one and all they must do honest work. Those who said they could not work as they had never done so in their lives, were sent to the coal mines, whilst the others were found jobs as scullery maids, washer-women, sempstresses, etc.

SPREADING UP THE LAW'S DELAYS.

Courts of law were done away with, the Commissaries agreeing that they only benefited lawyers and barristers. In civil cases both plaintiff and defendant, together with three friends each, were required to present themselves to the Chief Commissary, who helped them to compromise. In every instance both claimant and defendant settled their differences apparently amicably, the fear of the Commissary no doubt stimulating their readiness to do so.

The proceedings that took place in the Soviet House were open to the public, as were all the doors of other offices and rooms occupied by the commissaries. Anyone could drop in and listen to what was going on among the commissaries, who apparently discussed the most important business regardless of the intruding public.

They were evidently trying to live up to the significance of the words "Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity," having a Head Commissary whom they respected and who was just, for he had now realized his dreams of an ideal government. The man in question was a Lutz some 60 years of age, who wore spectacles well down on the nose, and his particular gait and bearing generally gained him the name of "the wolf."

He used severe measures against speculators and profiteers, but in no way interfered with the well-to-do and bourgeoisie so long as there was no proof that